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Vessels in the Schiffswerft Rostock VEB

1. The FEOLENT: This ship is an old Mediterranean transport of about 1,500 BRT. She is in a basin awaiting a general overhaul, whose completion date is to be 1953. The holds of this vessel were converted into sleeping quarters (Mannschaftsraume). The engines will be converted from coal to oil firing.
2. The RB 49 and the RB 36: Two ocean going tugs on which the yard is carrying out construction work. They are lying on a slipway.
3. The REFRIGERATOR: A refrigerator vessel of English origin. She lies alongside a quay. Construction work is being carried out.
4. The FRACHTER I: A 3,000 ton freighter launched on 1 May 1952. Construction work on the ship is not yet complete.
5. The FRACHTER II: Of the same type as the FRACHTER I, and is still on the building slip. A double bottom is under construction.
6. The 728: A Russian freighter of about 2,800 BRT which, when named IRKUT, was given a general overhaul in the yard in 1950. The 728 has engine trouble. She has a Russian crew.
7. The KISHINEV: Port of registration is Murmansk. She is a freighter or fishing vessel of about 1,200 BRT, with small loading hatches of 1.5 meters by 1.5 meters. No work has been done on board. The KISHINEV has a Russian crew.
8. The D.8, the D.9, the KURS and the MB 28: Four former mine layers or sweepers.

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9. The WENTA: A mine layer or sweeper with a cabin-type stern.
10. The SIGNAL: A ship about double the size of the mine sweepers and has two funnels. Shipwright's work is in progress on the vessel. There is no inner or outer coating on the vessel.
11. The B.7: The former German naval submarine depot ship WILHELM KOSSNAGEL. The stern has been removed and is lying separately, as there is insufficient room in the basin. General overhaul is in progress. This vessel will not be basically altered upon the completion of refitting.

Bottlenecks

12. Steel plates (Grobbleche) of 14 mm, 16 mm, and 20 mm for ship construction are delivered infrequently, so that freighter construction is slowed down. The plates are delivered from the USSR.

Recruitment for Paramilitary Forces

13. Recruitment of young men for the Volkspolizei is still conducted on a voluntary basis. As the F.D.J. and S.E.D. functionaries have had little success, the departmental managers of the yard have been brought into this by means of a party instruction on recruiting.

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